

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on December 23, 2005. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication, in section 22. of the Office Action on page 8 thereof, that compositions including the curing agents of Formulas (1) and (2) as disclosed in the present application are free of the prior art. Claim 1 is amended to recite Formulas (1) and (2) in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 5 is amended to address formal issues raised by the Examiner. It is noted that claim 5 as re-written is generic to working Examples 1-5 in the specification. Clarifying amendments are made to withdrawn claims 2 and 6. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application.

Claim 5 was rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112 as failing to define the invention properly. Claim 5 is amended to address the formal issues raised by the Examiner in this connection, thereby obviating this ground of rejection.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected under 35 USC §§ 102-103 over various prior art references. Office Action, pages 3-8. The Examiner indicated, in section 22. of the Office Action on page 8 thereof, that compositions including the curing agents of Formulas (1) and (2) are free of the prior art. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite Formulas (1) and (2) in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and all of the claims that depend from claim 1 herein are in condition for allowance.

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